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PROPOSED PLANS OF NEW BUILDINGS
IN AVONDALE



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The following illustrations exhibit the General and Tentative Plan for the development of St. Xavier College. The several buildings will be erected in the course of time. As the plans are not final, suggestions are welcome.




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LOOKING WEST — VIEW FROM SITE OF PROPOSED COLLEGE BUILDING

THE YEAR 1915 IS THE DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. XAVIER COLLEGE.

AST YEAR the St. Xavier Diamond Jubilee Fund Committee addressed an invitation to all the alumni and friends of the college to present a substantial testimonial of their loyalty to their Alma Mater on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee. This testimonial, it was stated, would be used towards cancelling the debt, or for erecting new buildings in Avondale, or for the founding of scholarships.

The Committee wishes to express most cordial thanks to all those who have generously contributed or promised their donations and earnestly requests all the friends of the college to be mindful of her progress and her needs. Whilst every donor may specify his donation for any one of the three said purposes, or any other particular need or building as chapel, assembly hall, faculty building, dormitory, observatory, seismograph and equipment, St. Xavier College, through the Rev. Rector expressing his sincere thanks for the energetic work of the Committee, has decided that all the funds so far deposited or to be deposited, without specification, shall be used for the erection of the new College Building in Avondale.

This College Building (estimated cost \$200,000) is necessary in the first place. As described in the plans, half of this building would be used at once for class rooms, study hall and science lecture and laboratory rooms. The other half would serve as Faculty Building, to be converted into class rooms, whenever a separate faculty building can be erected. The middle wing of this building will contain the Assembly Hall and Chapel.

We are delighted to hear that the former and present Hill School students have aroused a special interest in the Gymnasium and Club Building to cost about \$50,000. We feel proud of such hearty co-operation and wish the young men the greatest success. The alumni both of the old college and of the branch could establish club rooms in this building and enjoy the benefits of athletics.

With the main college in Avondale, the present building on Sycamore Street could continue to be utilized for a High School branch, for the flourishing College of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, the College of Journalism and kindred departments, which should be conducted in the business part of the city.

These changes require money. The present mortgage debt of the college, \$97,000, was incurred by the purchase and improvement of the Avondale Athletic Club. This debt will be reduced by the complete sale of the Gilbert Avenue property. So far, out of the twelve lots, five have been sold. It is not possible to accumulate any fund under ordinary conditions, as the expenses are about equal to the income. This is due partly to the low tuition fee exacted, but chiefly to the fact that every year from *fifty to one hundred* deserving young men are educated by the Jesuit Fathers of St. Xavier College FREE OF ALL CHARGE.

It must be remembered that ST. XAVIER CHURCH, in its finances, is entirely distinct from ST. XAVIER COLLEGE. St. Xavier Church, the Parish School and the church property, belong to the archdiocese; only the college at Seventh and Sycamore Streets and the Avondale property belong to the Jesuit Fathers. Tuition fees provide the main income of the college. If it were not for the fact that the teachers of the faculty, as members of a religious order, serve without salaries, it would be impossible to maintain the college financially.

WE KNOW that you are interested in having the cause of Catholic education flourish;

WE KNOW that you approve the grand and noble work of the Jesuit Fathers in our midst these seventy-five years;

WE KNOW that you endorse their splendid policy of founding scholarships and thus giving the best Catholic education to many deserving and bright but indigent young men, FREE OF ALL CHARGE, and

WE HOPE that you will show your appreciation by helping us in presenting a fitting testimonial to OLD ST. XAVIER on her Diamond Jubilee in 1915.

Respectfully,

Edward J. Babbitt,
Joseph Berning,
William A. Byrne,
Denis F. Cash,
C. Louis Coffin,
Richard Crane,
L. F. Enneking,
William E. Fox,


Wm. A. Geoghegan,
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Leo J. Van Lahr,
Joseph B. Verkamp,
William C. Wolking, *Chairman*.
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Walter S. Schmidt, *Treasurer*.

Cincinnati, Ohio, January 20, 1915.

134 East Fourth Street.

THE NEW ST. XAVIER.

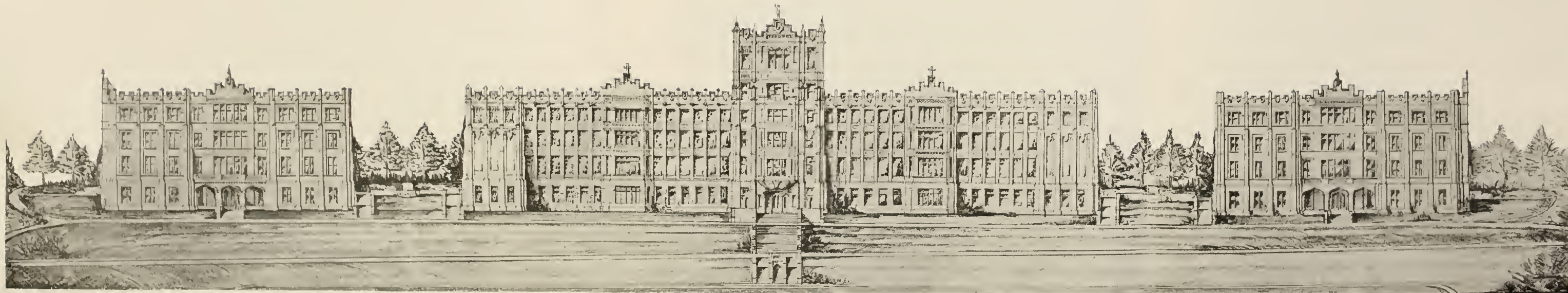
OTHING in years has so stirred the enthusiasm of St. Xavier men as the purchase by the College of the former Avondale Athletic Club property. "A new life for old St. Xavier" is the first thought of every alumnus.

The site on which shall rise a greater St. Xavier, is a fine tract of twenty-six acres, in the heart of Avondale, Cincinnati's most beautiful suburb. The property lies on Dana avenue and the Winding Way, within a few squares of numerous car lines, and equally convenient to those two pulsing arteries of travel, the Reading road and Montgomery pike. The ground itself is ideally suited to college purposes. On the east and west are high level plateaus, between which extends a broad valley—one of nature's beauty spots. The athletic fields are in the base of the valley—gridiron, ball diamonds, swimming pool, tennis courts—a campus perfect.

The steep hills, covered with virgin growth, rise on each side of the athletic fields, forming a natural amphitheater. To the north and south, through the generosity of the Bragg estate, from which the college purchased, the city has acquired great stretches of land for park purposes. (The Park Board has made considerable progress in building one of the Boulevards of the Bloody Run Park.) For many miles through the valley, there will be a double boulevard, each branch ninety feet wide. One skirts the base of the hill immediately east of the athletic fields, the other runs along the western edge of the college property, occupying the location of what is now the Winding Way. The new St. Xavier will thus rise in a wild and picturesque spot, surrounded by parkways, yet in a location which was chosen first because it was the very center of Cincinnati and its suburbs.



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FACULTY BUILDING

THE MAIN BUILDING—ACADEMY AND COLLEGE

The central portion of this will contain besides offices and library, an auditorium seating one thousand and a chapel accommodating about the same number.

The south wing will for the present be used for both the Academic and College classes. It contains class rooms, chemical, physical and biological lecture rooms and laboratories accommodating 650 students.

The north wing will be used for the *Faculty* until such time as a separate building can be erected. It is to be so arranged that it can be changed into class rooms, similar to those in the south wing, at which time one wing will be used for College, the other for Academic classes.

DORMITORY

The *Dormitory* is intended for outside students who will live in a separate building in attractive private rooms. Board will be furnished. The situation of this building is near the Gymnasium and the Play-grounds. The Dormitory will be a real home for students who can not return to their families every day. Charges will be moderate.

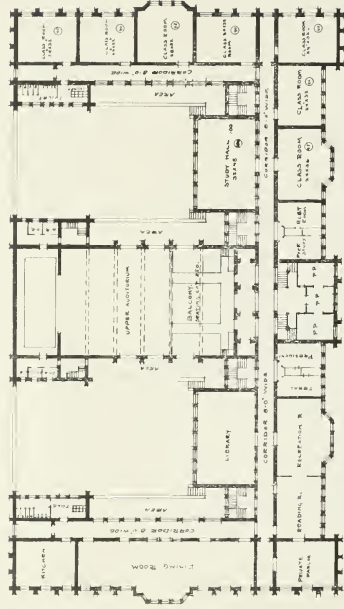
The Avondale Athletic Club, to whose property the college succeeds, was in its day, one of the city's most exclusive and successful organizations. The club was formed in 1899. The club home, a large and attractive brick building of colonial design was the scene of many a festive gathering. Its spacious dance and banquet halls made it a popular social center.

But gaiety has given place to serious concerns; for the dance floor has been divided into class rooms, and the banquet hall converted into a chapel.

For the future, what may we not hope? Medical and scientific buildings, an arts department, a library—massive piles rising on the eastern eminence—these are prospects which the years shall realize. Dangers indeed must be braved in a launching of new departments. But the time is ripe; the support of St. Xavier's loyal sons and the guidance of her able rector, who already has done so much, spells sure success. May that not be a distant day, when we behold old St. Xavier a university in very truth.

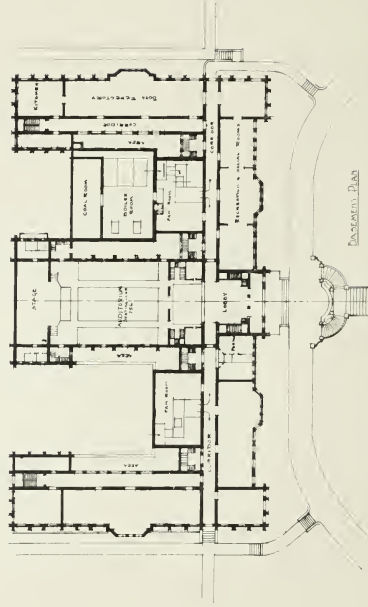
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In the "Xavier Athenaeum."
March 1912.

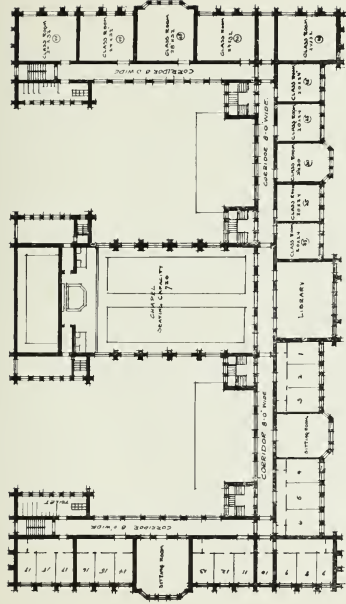


FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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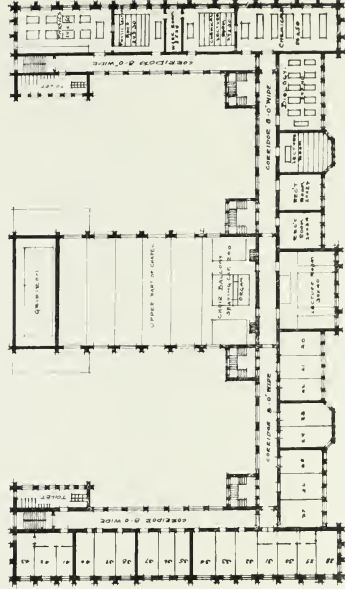


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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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THIRD FLOOR PLAN

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THE GYMNASIUM.

This building, 75 x 125 feet is to be erected at the southern or northern end of the campus. It is to contain besides the Gymnasium proper and the Basket Ball Court the plunge, lockers, offices, billiard room, showers in addition to the heating plant.

THE IDEALS OF ST. XAVIER COLLEGE.



T. XAVIER COLLEGE *stands for the time-honored and well-tested curriculum which develops all the faculties of the mind harmoniously.* St. Xavier College has not to deplore an ill-advised spirit of innovation that is ever looking for new branches and new methods and takes mere change to mean improvement. St. Xavier College does not reject real progress in education; but it has grown strong in the conviction that the classics or classical studies are—even in the twentieth century—the best means of developing the student's mind.

The *College Curriculum* in its entirety comprehends what is called secondary education, embracing the academic (high school or preparatory) department and the college proper.

The *Academic Department* consists of a four-year course of English composition and Literature; Latin and Greek with the reading of the authors; Algebra, Geometry; History, Sciences, Civics, Elocution and Physical Culture. The subjects of each year are so correlated and connected as both to expand and draw together the various branches, thus securing in each year a well-balanced development of the mind,

and adding to each preceding year a well-rounded intellectual progress.

The *Collegiate Department* or the *College Proper* is erected upon this structure of the Academic Department. It is universally acknowledged by enlightened educators that a college education, culminating in the degree of Bachelor of Arts, is the best preparation for the professions and the higher business pursuits. While some few universities demand the degree of Bachelor of Arts as a requirement for legal and medical studies, and while some medical schools prescribe two years of college and the low requirement of a high school preparation is still held sufficient for entrance into many professional schools, denominational colleges, like St. Xavier have always urged their students not to attempt professional courses before acquiring that culture and mind-training which deserves the degree of Bachelor of Arts. This training is obtained in the atmosphere of the classics, not by the hit-and-miss methods of an electivism that has been tried and found wanting. That this policy of St. Xavier College has met with full appreciation is proved by the large number of St. Xavier alumni, who have obtained their Bachelor's and

Master's degrees which have paved for them the way to success in their subsequent careers.

Neither is it impossible for the students to devote seven or eight years to the combined academic and college departments if they begin their secondary studies at the age of twelve. This policy is strongly advocated all over the United States.

St. Xavier College stands for depth and strength of principles. Truth is not an ever-changing, budding and blossoming and decaying of things material. There is an inflexible and immutable standard of truth. There is a well-established and unchangeable standard of ethics. There are laws of our thinking process and of our relations to the Supreme Being and our fellow-men which have been studied by the master minds of pagan and Christian times. It is by the study of mental philosophy that the mind, avoiding the shallows and dangers of changeable modern philosophies, becomes anchored to the rock of solid principles. The student who has once become imbued with these guiding principles of correct reasoning and a correct world-view (*Weltanschauung*), possesses a most valuable equipment to pursue professional studies and is thereby always able to regain his bearings, even under a dark and overcast sky that may, at times, hide

these ever-shining principles. They furnish the weapons wherewith to combat modern errors that threaten to destroy civil government, to subvert the relations between capital and labor and to obliterate the brotherly obligations towards our fellow-men. Only men of character and thought can be safe leaders in society.

St. Xavier College stands for a strong, unchangeable and friendly alliance between religion and education. An education that considers only mental improvement is sadly lacking in proportion. An education that considers only the immediate future of the child or only his short life upon earth is criminally unjust to its charge. For some of these youths the earthly career is finished before they enter upon life's work. For all, there is another and infinitely more important work to be accomplished, the consequences of which are unending. It is a criminal and cruel injustice to offer an education which leaves out the most essential and important aim of life.

St. Xavier College stands, therefore, for promoting real happiness by teaching and inculcating a morality, which is based on the religion established by Christ, in which the intellect is enlightened by faith, the will strengthened by grace, the heart ennobled by striving after God's own perfection, in which all the faculties of soul and body are elevated by

divine worship. Students who are not Catholics are welcome, in the future as in the past, if they are willing to live in this atmosphere. No pressure is exerted to force Catholic views upon them.

St. Xavier College stands for a proper physical development of the student according to the old proverb, "Mens sana in corpore sano." Always bearing in mind that physical culture is a means to an end, the College does not undervalue the importance of a healthy body, yet believes at the same time that the healthy body is but a dwelling place of a noble soul that must be enriched by knowledge and virtue, and the College acts on the conviction that the body must be made a ready instrument subservient to the mastery of the mind. The newly-acquired grounds in Avondale, with the fresh air of the suburb, the large campus, running track, gymnasium and swimming pool offer the best opportunities for healthy physical exercise.

St. Xavier College stands for an active assertion of its influence as an institution of learning and spreads this wholesome influence by the alumni for the welfare of the community. Though it disdains the noise of a constant advertising campaign, it sends forth its influence through the community in a spirit of charity and social endeavor. This beneficent

influence is, no doubt, communicated by all who ever attended St. Xavier. Her successful and influential alumni are found in the ranks of the Hierarchy and Clergy; in the older profession of law, medicine, art and teaching; in the new professions of accountancy, engineering and journalism, and in all the various business occupations. The largest number consists of classical students. Yet not a few have gone forth from the Business Department which St. Xavier has at times conducted. If there is a demand, a High School of Commerce may be established. Meanwhile the College of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, opened in October 1911, with the enthusiastic co-operation of the Alumni, and the College of Journalism, opened in 1912, are sending forth in their graduates and students, young men, who are directly prepared for the higher business world and, as their commercial aspirations are tempered by the correct principles of philosophy, their influence in business circles will be of the greatest value.

St. Xavier College, finally, stands out as an evidence and a lasting monument of that generous initiative in education which is so characteristic of our American liberty. Whilst almost in all the countries of Europe, state centralization has destroyed educational initiative on the part of private corporations, our American republic has preserved among its essential liberties

also liberty of education. Colleges, like St. Xavier's, established by generous friends of education and conducted by self-sacrificing religious educators, have performed a magnificent work in the past, and always will appeal to those parents who believe in their own independence and their inalienable right to elect the school for their sons and daughters. These parents have frequently in word, and more so in deed, expressed their appreciation of the educational work conducted in separate schools by our religious educators. Co-education has never been favored for obvious reasons. The parents feel that under the direction of the religious educators the full co-operation of the teachers is secured, and that the faculty, as they are in duty bound, take a strong personal interest in the progress of their sons and daughters. This boon of educational liberty, granted in the United States, is a most precious

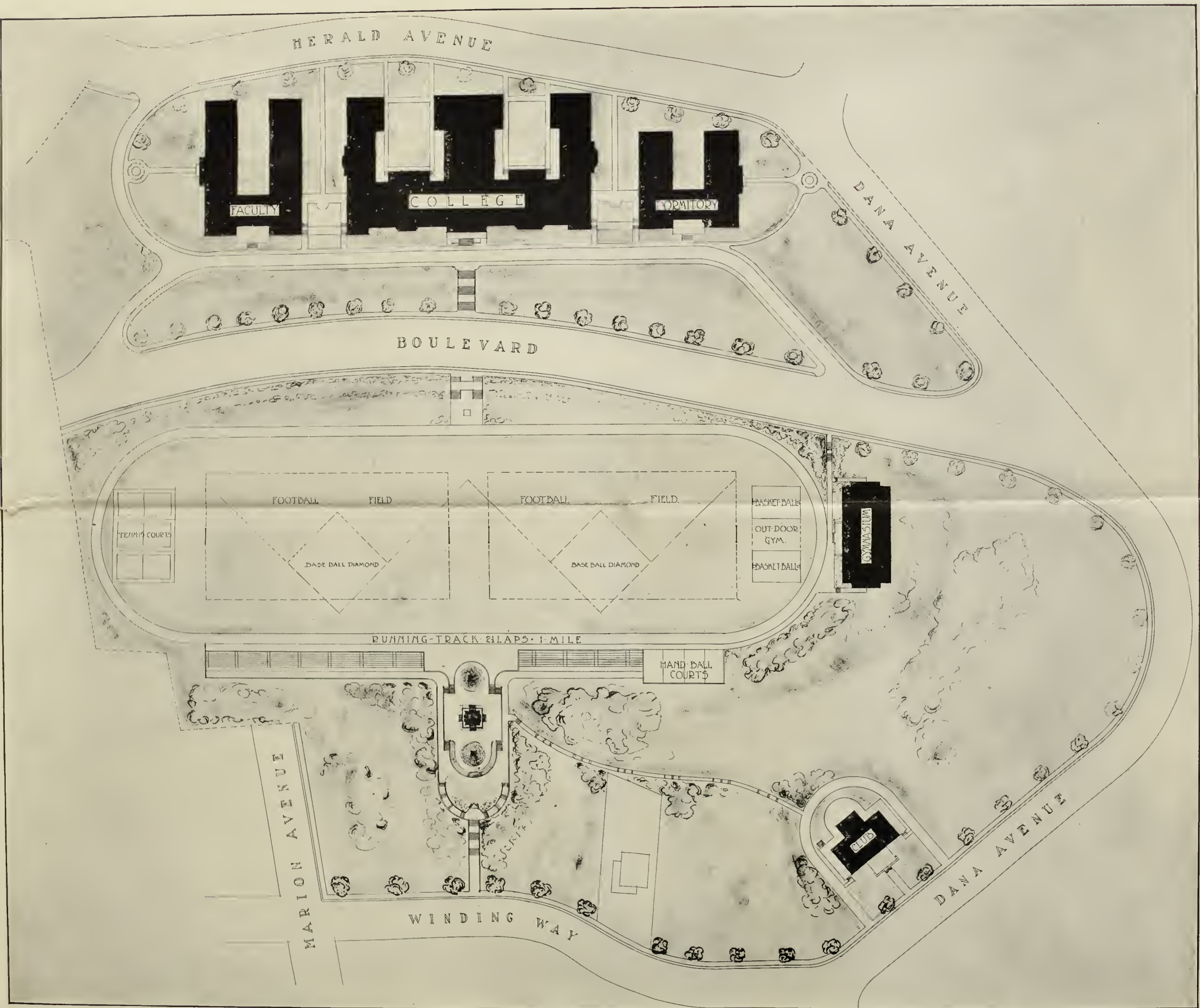
heritage, which the parents mean to maintain and strengthen. Far from being un-American, as sometimes stated, this exercise of educational liberty is essentially patriotic.

Not only the faculty and students of St. Xavier College, but the City of Cincinnati, with its surroundings, may look back with satisfaction and pride upon seventy-five years of unremitting work which has helped to mould and elevate the minds and morals of so many of their citizens. Any successful development in the future cannot help being a far-reaching and beneficent factor towards the well-being of the Queen City and its inhabitants.

As in the past, so in the future, St. Xavier College will be true to its motto:

Religioni et Artibus.





VIEW OF GROUNDS—TWENTY-SIX ACRES.

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